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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR USING SUBSTRATE CARRIER MOVEMENT TO ACTUATE SUBSTRATE CARRIER DOOR OPENING/CLOSING
Serial No.: 10/650,312
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Total Claims	N/A	- 20 =	-0-	X \$18.00	\$0.00
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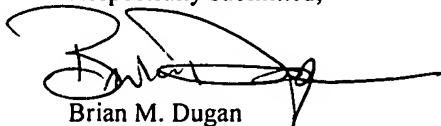
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 987 750 A1 (EPO)

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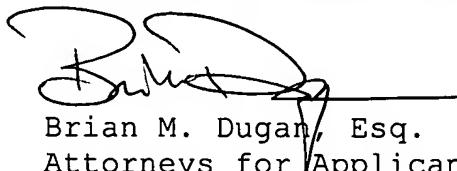
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These references are also listed on the accompanying
Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

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U.S. Patent Documents

*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	US-1	5,762,544	06/09/98	Zuniga et al.	451	285	
	US-2						
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	F-1	EP 0 987 750 A1	03/22/00	EPO			X	
	F-2	EP 1 134 641 A1	09/19/01	EPO			X	
	F-3	WO 99/64207	12/16/99	WIPO			X	
	F-4	WO 02/19392 A1	03/07/02	WIPO			X	
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